

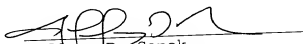
Entry of the amendments to the claims before examination of the application is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381KA/50339).

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please amend claims 3, 8 and 9 as follows:

3. (Amended) A multi-leaf collimator according to Claim 1 [or 2], wherein each of said leaf plate driving body further comprises holding means capable of abutting against the leaf plates to hold the leaf plates in stationary positions.

8. (Amended) A medical system including an accelerator according to Claim 4 [or 6], further comprising control means for controlling said one driving means and said driving force transmitting means.

9. (Amended) A medical system including an accelerator according to Claim 5 [or 7], further comprising control means for controlling said one driving force generating means and said engaging/disengaging means.

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